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SUBJ: TWO LETTERS TO SECRETARY GENERAL FROM PALESTINIANS

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS RECEIVED VIA PLO OBSERVER DELEGATION TWO LETTERS FROM MAYORS AND OTHER DIGNITARIES IN GAZA STRIP AND WEST BANK PROCLAIMING PLO IS SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, REAFFIRMING PALESTINIAN RIGHT TO HOMELAND, CALLING FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND RESPECT FOR UN RESOLUTIONS, BUT SUPPORTING PLO REJECTION SC RES 242. ONE LETTER ALSO BLAMES US FINANCIAL AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL FOR LATTER'S "INTRANSIGENT ATTITUDE." PLO WANTS UN TO DISTRIBUTE LETTERS AS UN DOCUMENTS, BUT SECRETARIAT WILL ONLY DO SO IF REQUESTED BY MEMBER STATE. END SUMMARY.

2. SECRETARY-GENERAL'S OFFICE RECEIVED LAST WEEK VIA PLO OBSERVER DELEGATION TWO LETTERS IN ARABIC (ONE UNDATED AND OTHER DATED "GAZA, 21 SEPTEMBER 1977") FROM MAYORS AND OTHER DIGNITARIES OF GAZA AND WEST BANK. (TEXT OF LETTERS IN PARA 4 BELOW.) UN SECRETARIAT HAD
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DIFFICULTY TRANSLATING NAMES AND ORGANIZATIONS OF SENDERS OF LETTERS, AND INDEED WAS UNABLE TO DECIPHER NAMES AND ORGANIZATIONS OF SEVERAL SIGNATORIES.

3. LETTERS GIVEN OFFICIALLY BUT "INFORMALLY" OCTOBER 20 TO CO-CHAIRMAN OF GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE FOR THEIR INFORMATION. PLO OBSERVER IS PUSHING FOR

SECRETARIAT TO DISTRIBUTE LETTERS. SECRETARIAT INTENDS FOLLOW ROUTINE PROCEDURES, I.E., WILL DISTRIBUTE LETTERS IF REQUESTED TO DO SO BY MEMBER STATE, BUT NOT IF REQUESTED BY PLO OBSERVER.

4. TEXT OF LETTERS FOLLOW:

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HIS EXCELLENCY, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS,

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OF THE PRESENT SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE. WHILE THE ASSEMBLY IS PREPARING TO WELCOME THE DELEGATIONS OF ITS MEMBER STATES, ISRAEL IS TRYING TO FORESTALL EVENTS, IN DISREGARD OF INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS, UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS AND THE BASIC TENANTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, BY CONTINUING TO ESTABLISH NEW SETTLEMENTS, TO APPLY ISRAELI LAWS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY AND TO TORTURE AND HUMILIATE THE ARAB POPULATIONS, IN ORDER TO ANNEX THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXPANSIONIST ZIONIST DESIGNS.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND THEIR NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING:
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1. OUR ATTACHMENT TO THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION AS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE WHEREVER THEY MAY BE. WE EMPHASIZE THAT WE, THE INHABITANTS OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, ARE A PART OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE, WHO CONSTITUTE A SINGLE NATIONAL ENTITY.
2. WE CONFIRM AND REITERATE THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE RABAT ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE, AND AT THE SAME TIME, DENOUNCE AND REJECT THE VARIOUS ATTEMPTS AND STRATEGIES AIMED AT REPUDIATING THESE RESOLUTIONS.
3. WE REJECT ANY TRUSTEESHIP OR MANDATE OVER THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE, AND AFFIRM THEIR RIGHT TO A HOMELAND, TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL STATE.
4. WE DEMAND COMPLETE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS AND THE GUARANTEE OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE.
5. WE SUPPORT THE DECISIONS OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING THE ONE REJECTING SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242, BECAUSE IT IGNORES THE HUMANE CAUSE OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE.

IN ADDRESSING WORLD PUBLIC OPINION THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS,
WE TAKE NOTE OF THE SIGNIFICANT CHANGE THAT HAS OCCURRED
IN IT AS A CONSEQUENCE OF ITS AWARENESS OF THE EXPANSIONIST
AGGRESSIVE AIMS WHICH ISRAEL SEEKS TO
ACHIEVE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE.
WE THEREFORE HOPE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL ADOPT,
DURING ITS PRESENT SESSION, FIRM RESOLUTIONS RESPECTING
THE WILL OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE AND SUPPORTING
THEIR STRUGGLE, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PALESTINE
LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, FOR THE RESTORATION OF THEIR
LEGITIMATE RIGHTS.

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1. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, THE ASSOCIATION OF PHILANTHROPIC
SOCIETIES IN THE DISTRICT OF JERUSALEM, DATE: 17/9/1977
2. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, YOUTH ACTIVITIES CENTRE
3. ROUHI AL-KHATIB, MAYOR OF JERUSALEM

4. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, THE JORDANIAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY,
JER-
USALEM
 5. HANNA KHOURI AL-ATRASH, MAYOR OF BEIT SAHOUR
 6. KHADIJAH SALIM FARHAN, DIRECTOR AND FATIMAH JIBRIL,
PRESIDENT, KALANDIA :-0 :9-OPERATIVE SOCIETY FOR SEWING
AND HANDICRAFTS, ESTABLISHED IN 1958
 7. KAREEM KHALAF, MAYOR OF RAMALLAH
 8. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, DIRECTOR OF THE ARAB CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE IN JERUSALEM, WEST BANK CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE
 9. SIGNATUE ILLEGIBLE, PRESIDENT, FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY,
AL-BIREH, ESTABLISHED IN 1965
 10. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, MAYOR OF NABLUS
 11. ILLEGIBLE
 12. MUHAMMAD HASAN MILHIM, MAYOR OF HALHOUL
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13. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NABLUS
14. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE
15. AL-HAJJA (ILLEGIBLE), PRESIDENT, SOCIETY OF THE ARAB
WOMEN FEDERATION, ESTABLISHED IN 1365 H., 1945 A.D.
16. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ENGINEERS
IN NABLUS DISTRICT
17. SIGANTURE ILLEGIBLE, THE RAMALLAH FIRST BOY SCOUT
COMPANY
18. IBRAHIM SULEIMAN, AL-BIREH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
19. HASZN AL-TAWIL, UNION OF CONSTRUCTION AND PUBLIC
INSTITUTIONS WORKERS, ESTABLISHED IN 1965
20. FAHD AL-KAWASMI, ENGINEER, MAYOR OF HEBRON
21. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, ON BEHALF OF THE PHARMACISTS
OF NABLUS
22. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, JERICHO MUNICIPALITY
23. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, ON BEHALF OF THE DENTISTS OF NABLUS
24. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT CENTRE,
KALANDIA CAMP
25. KHADIJAH SALIM FARHAN AND TWO OTHER ILLEGIBLE SIGNATURES:
ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY GRADUATES, HEBRON
26. SA'AD-EDDIN AL-FAKIH
27. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, MAYOR OD BETHLEHEM
28. MUHAMMAD DARWEESH, PRESIDENT, ESLAME RAMALLAH CLUB,
ESTABLISHED IN 1976
29. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, THE JORDANIAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY,
THE HEBRON BRANCH
30. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, THE RED CRESCENT SOCIETY, NABLUS
31. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, SECRETARY OF THE FEDERATION OF
THE ARAB WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, AL-BIREH, ESTABLSIHED IN 1956
32. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, MAYOR OF BEIT JALA
33. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, MAYOR OF DOURA
34. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, DEPUTY MAYOR OF JERUSALEM
35. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, YOUTH ACTIVITIES CENTRE, TOULKARM CAMP

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- 36. YOUSUF KAHDR, NABLUS MUNICIPALITY
- 37. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, TOULKARM MUNICIPALITY
- 38. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, MAYOR OF QALQILYA
- 39. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, JENIN MUNICIPALITY
- 40. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, YOUTH ACTIVITIES CENTRE, NAME
OF CAMP ILLEGIBLE
- 41. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, YOUTH ACTIVITIES CENTRE, NAME
OF CAMP ILLEGIBLE
- 42. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, CAMP SERVICES OFFICER, KALANDIA
- 43. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, YOUTH ACTIVITIES CENTRE, BALATA CAMP
- 44. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, YOUTH ACTIVITIES CENTRE, AL-
DHEISHA CAMP
- 45. IBRAHIM ABU SITTA, CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE REFUGEE CONFERENCE, GAZA STRIP
- 46. DR. HASSAN ABDUL-BAGI, PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE
COUNCIL, GAZA STRIP UNQTE

QTE: TRANSLATED FROM ARABIC

GAZA, 21 SEPTEMBER 1977

MR. KURT WALDHEIM, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS,

AT THIS STAGE OF STEPPED-UP ACTIVITY WITH A VIEW OF FINDING
A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM AND FEVERISH
ISRAELI ACTIVITY DIRECTED TOWARD ESTABLISHING SETTLEMENTS
IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND A FLOOD OF STATEMENTS
BY ISRAELI OFFICIALS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY
AIMED AT SOWING SERIOUS DOUBTS REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY
OF PURSUING PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS, WE DEEM IT OUR DUTY TO PROCLAIM
AND REAFFIRM THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. THE GAZA STRIP IS A PART OF THE USURPED TERRITORY OF PALESTINE
AND ITS INHABITANTS, WHO ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE
DISPERSED PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, ARE UNITED IN THEIR REJECTION
OF THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION AND IN STRIVING TO PUT AN
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2. THE RECOVERY BY THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE OF THEIR USURPED RIGHTS TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT STATE IN THEIR HOMELAND OF PALESTINE IS THE CORE OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM AND THE ESSENCE OF THE CONFLICT IN THE REGION.

3. THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATITN (PLO) IS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE ENTITLED TO SPEAK ON THEIR BEHALF AND BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DEFENDING THEIR RIGHTS. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT IT PARTICIPATE

IN ALL FORUMS AND CONFERENCES CONCERNING THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE.

4. THE CLAIM BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT THAT THE OCCUPIED AREAS ARE "LIBERATED" LANDS AND THAT SETTLEMENTS BY ISRAELIS IN THEM IS THEREFORE PERMISSIBLE, IN BLATANT DEFIANCE OF UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS AND DESPITE THE OPPOSITION AND PROTESTS OF THEIR ARAB POPULATION, IS NOTHING BUT AN OBSTACLE TO THE QUEST FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT THAT ENTAILS THE DANGER OF THE OUTBREAK OF WAR IN THE REGION AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

5. BECAUSE OF ITS CONTINUED SUPPORT OF ISRAELY BY
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PROVIDING IT WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND ADVANCED OFFENSIVE WEAPONRY DESPITE ISRAEL'S AGGRESSION AND DEFIANCE OF WORLD PUBLIC OPINION, WE PLACE UPON THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISRAEL'S INTRANSIGENT ATTITUDE.

6. TODAY MORE THAN EVER BEFORE IT IS INCUMBENT UPON THE UNITED NATIONS, IN THE PERSON OF ITS SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN DISCHARGE OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES SET FORTH IN THE CHARTER, TO URGE STRONGLY AND EFFECTIVELY THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN PARTICULAR AND ALL FORCES CAPABLE OF INFLUENCING THE CONFLICT, IN GENERAL SHOULD FACE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES BEFORE IT BECOMES TOO LATE TO PREVENT THE SITUATION FROM DETERIORATING INTO ANARCHY AND DESTRUCTION.

7. WE HEREBY STATE THAT WE SHALL DO OUR UTMOST TO SECURE WHAT WE CONSIDER OUR NATURAL RIGHT, AND WE APPEAL TO ALL PEACE-LOVING STATES AND PEOPLESTO HELP US TO ATTAIN THIS OBJECTIVE.

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1. RASHAD SAID AL-SHAWA, MAYOR OF GAZA
 2. DR. HASSAN ABDUL-RAHMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
 3. IBRAHIM ABU SITTA, CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE REFUGEE CONFERENCE
 4. SLEIMAN ZAREH AL-ASTAL, MAYOR OF (ILLEGIBLE)
 5. MOUSA ABDUL-KHALEQ ABU SHA'ABAN, THE ELDER OF GAZA
 6. FAYEZ ABU RAHMAH, PRESIDENT OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION
 7. DAOUD EL-SAYEGH, MEMBER OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX ECCLESIASTICAL COURT
 8. GHALEB AHMAD AL-ZEIN, LANDOWNER AND MERCHANT, ON BEHALF OF AL-ZEIN FAMILY
 9. WADI TARAZI, PRINCIPAL OF GAZA COLLEGE
 10. SAMI ABU SHA'ABAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE PALESTINIAN STAFF COMMITTEE IN THE SECTOR
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11. YOUSUF ABDULLAH ABU ZEID, MERCHANT
 12. MUHAMMAD SHA'ABAN, MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
 13. ALI AL-MASRI, THE LDER OF KHAN YOUNIS
 14. RA'AFAT MOUSSA AL-BOURNO, LANDOWNER
 15. AL-HAJJ RAGHEB MURTAJI, PRESIDENT OF THE PALESTINIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR GAZA STRIP
 16. MUHAMMAD ALI BASHIR, FORMER MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, ON BEHALF OF DEIR AL-BALAH CONSTITUENCY
 17. DR. GEORGE (ILLEGIBLE), PRESIDENT OF THE YMCA IN GAZA
 18. FOWZI ABU RAMADAN, MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
 19. YUSRA AL-BARBARY, PRESIDENT OF THE PALESTINE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
 20. (ILLEGIBLE), LAWYER, RELGIOUS COURTS UNQTE.
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